

**RECORDING OF MINUTES FOR A LOCAL CANVASSING
AUTHORITY**

CHAPTER 86

H.B. No. 1001

AN ACT

relating to recording of minutes for a local canvassing authority.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 67.004, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) The presiding officer of the canvassing authority shall note the completion of the canvass in the minutes or in the recording required by Section 551.021, Government Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 13, 2017: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 11, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 23, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

**VOLUNTEER PRACTICE BY AN INACTIVE MEMBER OF THE
STATE BAR OF TEXAS**

CHAPTER 87

H.B. No. 1020

AN ACT

relating to volunteer practice by an inactive member of the State Bar of Texas.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 81.053(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An inactive member may not practice law in this state, *except as provided by rule promulgated by the supreme court for volunteer practice, and may not* hold an office in the state bar[,] or vote in any election conducted by the state bar.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on March 30, 2017: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 11, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 23, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

**BROKER AGREEMENTS FOR THE LEASING OF REAL
PROPERTY OWNED BY A COUNTY**

CHAPTER 88

H.B. No. 1288

AN ACT

relating to broker agreements for the leasing of real property owned by a county.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Sections 263.008(b), (c), (d), and (e), Local Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The commissioners court of a county may contract with a broker to sell *or lease* a tract of real property that is owned by the county.

(c) The commissioners court of a county may pay a fee if a broker produces a ready, willing, and able buyer *or lessee* to purchase *or lease* a tract of real property.

(d) If a contract made under Subsection (b) requires a broker to list the tract of real property for sale *or lease* for at least 30 days with a multiple-listing service used by other brokers in the county, the commissioners court on or after the 30th day after the date the property is listed may sell *or lease* the tract of real property to a ready, willing, and able buyer *or lessee* who is produced by any broker using the multiple-listing service and who submits the highest cash offer.

(e) The commissioners court may sell *or lease* a tract of real property under this section without complying with the requirements for conducting a public auction, including the requirements prescribed by Section 263.001.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 4, 2017: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 5 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 11, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 23, 2017.

Effective May 23, 2017.

DATE FOR PREPAYMENT OF TAXES ON A DEALER'S HEAVY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

CHAPTER 89

H.B. No. 1346

AN ACT

relating to the date for prepayment of taxes on a dealer's heavy equipment inventory.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Sections 23.1242(b) and (f), Tax Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) Except for an item of heavy equipment sold to a dealer, an item of heavy equipment included in a fleet transaction, an item of heavy equipment that is the subject of a subsequent sale, or an item of heavy equipment that is subject to a lease or rental, an owner or a person who has agreed by contract to pay the owner's current year property taxes levied against the owner's heavy equipment inventory shall assign a unit property tax to each item of heavy equipment sold from a dealer's heavy equipment inventory. In the case of a lease or rental, the owner shall assign a unit property tax to each item of heavy equipment leased or rented. The unit property tax of each item of heavy equipment is determined by multiplying the sales price of the item or the monthly lease or rental payment received for the item, as applicable, by the unit property tax factor. If the transaction is a lease or rental, the owner shall collect the unit property tax from the lessee or renter at the time the lessee or renter submits payment for the lease or rental. The owner of the equipment shall state the amount of the unit property tax assigned as a separate line item on an invoice. On or before the 20th [10th] day of each month the owner shall, together with the statement filed by the owner as required by this section, deposit with the collector an amount equal to the total of unit property tax assigned to all items of heavy equipment sold, leased, or rented from the dealer's heavy equipment inventory in the preceding month to which a unit property tax was assigned. The money